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UNCLAS GUATEMALA 2031

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF CATIE

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1. IN VIEW SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS OF REFTTEL FOR PROJECTS
WHICH ROCAP IS DEVELOPING WITH CATIE, ROCAP DIRECTOR RAISED
SUBSTANCE REFTTEL WITH IICA DIRECTOR-GENERAL ARAUJO IN
APRIL 17 MEETING AND ALIGNED ROCAP IN SUPPORT OF
AMBASSADOR'S CONCERNS. WHILE ARAUJO WAS ADVISED
SPECIFICALLY OF AMBASSADOR'S AND ROCAP'S CONCERNS,
SOURCE OF AMBASSADOR'S INFORMATION (I.E. CATIE DIRECTOR)
WAS MOST REVEALED, AND ARAUJO ASSUMED UNIVERSITY OF COSTA

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RICA WAS AMBASSADOR'S SOURCE. (FYI: ROCAP DID NOT
DISPEL THIS ASSUMPTION IN ORDER TO PROTECT REAL SOURCE.)

2. ARAUJO REASSURED ROCAP DIRECTOR THAT IICA IS FULLY

COMMITTED TO CARRYING OUT TEN-YEAR PROGRAM FOR SUPPORT OF CATIE AS INTERNATIONAL CENTER ON TROPICAL AGRICULTURE SPELLED OUT IN IICA PERMANENT BOARD DECISION OF 1973 AND RATIFIED BY GOCR CONGRESS. IICA DIRECTOR GENERAL PLANS TO MAINTAIN IICA BUDGET SUPPORT OF CATIE OVER THE 1973-1983 PERIOD AS AGREED UPON AND MAY EVEN REQUEST ADDITIONAL ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO HELP ALLEVIATE INFLATIONARY EFFECTS ON CATIE AND EXPANDED WORKLOAD GROWING OUT OF DECISIONS BY CA MINAGS IN OCTOBER 1974 DECLARATION OF SAN JOSE WHICH DESIGNATED CATIE AS REGIONAL AG RESEARCH CENTER FOR CA COUNTRIES.

3. ARAUJO, AFTER REVIEWING HISTORY OF IICA-CATIE RELATIONSHIPS, EXPLAINED THAT UNIVERSITY OF COSTA RICA RECTOR HAS APPROACHED HIM ON GAINING ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OF TURRIALBA FACILITIES AND CATIE PLANT, ON BASIS UNIVERSITY COULD ACHIEVE ECONOMIES BY USING UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS WHOSE SALARIES SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER THAN THOSE CATIE PAYS TO INTERNATIONAL SPECIALISTS. ARAUJO DENIED ENCOURAGING RECTOR BUT AGREED THAT, IF RECTOR FORMALLY RAISES (QUOTE) INTERESTING ALTERNATIVE (AND OF QUOTE), IICA WOULD STUDY PROPOSAL. ARAUJO ADVISED RECTOR THAT, IF PROPOSAL WERE TO BE CONSIDERED, IICA WOULD NOT (REPEAT NOT) CONTINUE BUDGET SUPPORT FOR FACILITIES AND UNIVERSITY WOULD HAVE TO ASSUME ALL COSTS INVOLVED IN ADMINISTRATION THEREOF. ARAUJO NOTED A COOLING OF RECTOR'S INTEREST.

4. ARAUJO DOES NOT (REPEAT NOT) CONSIDER RECTOR'S PROPOSAL VIABLE AND DOES NOT (REPEAT NOT) EXPECT IT TO MATERIALIZE. ARAUJO REPEATED EMPHATICALLY THAT HE SEES NO (REPEAT NO) CHANGE IN CATIE'S STATUS FOR LIFE OF TEN-YEAR IICA AGREEMENT ADOPTED IN 1973. HE EXPLAINED THAT ANY CHANGE WILL REQUIRE ACTION BY IICA PERMANENT BOARD MADE UP OF 23 AMBASSADORS TO OAS AFTER FORMAL ACTION BY CATIE NINE-MAN COUNCIL ON WHICH UNIVERSITY REPRESENTED BY ONLY ONE VOTE. THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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JURIDICAL PROCESS WITHIN CATIE AND IICA WOULD, ACCORDING TO ARAUJO, ENTAIL A SERIES OF STEPS WHICH WOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST SEVERAL YEARS TO CONSUMMATE. ARAUJO QUESTIONS WHETHER GOCR, MUCH LESS THAT OTHER 22 GOVERNMENTS, WOULD REACT FAVORABLY TO RECTOR'S PROPOSAL.

5. ARAUJO ALSO POINTED OUT THAT OTTAWA MEETING (A) IS ONLY FOR REVIEW OF IICA ANNUAL BUDGET AND TECHNICAL PROGRAM AND (B) IT IS NOT (REPEAT NOT) EMPOWERED CONSIDER POLICY ISSUES SUCH AS THAT RELATED TO FUTURE STATUS OF CATIE. POLICY ISSUES CAN BE REVIEWED, ACCORDING TO ARAUJO, ONLY AT PERMANENT BOARD OF 23 OAS AMBASSADORS.

6. ARAUJO INDICATED THAT ONLY MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE BETWEEN IICA AND CWTIE IS OVER CATIE'S WORK PLAN. IICA WANTS CATIE TO DEVOTE ALL ITS RESOURCES TO RESEARCH AND EXTENSION ON TROPICAL AGRICULTURE, WITH SHORT COURSES AND RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS TO UPGRADE CA AND CARIBBEAN CAPABILITY TO INCREASE INCOME POTENTIAL OF SMALL FARMERS BY MORE RATIONAL APPLICATION OF FOOD CROP AND OTHER AG TECHNOLOGY. CATIE WANTS TO DIVIDE ITS PROGRAM BETWEEN RESEARCH AND ITS GRADUATE SCHOOL. WITH 30 GRADUATE SCHOOLS ON AGRICULTURE IN LA TODAY, IICA NO LONGER BELIEVES CATIE GRADUATE SCHOOL NEEDED.

7. ARAUJO PLANS TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR TODMAN AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY NEXT WEEK TO CLARIFY IICA POSITION ON STATUS OF CATIE. IF ARAUJO POSITION IN THAT MEETING COINCIDES WITH HIS EXPLANATION TO ROCAP AND LEGITIMATE CONCERNS RAISED IN REFTEL ARE DISPELLED, QUESTION OF US DEL RAISING ISSUE AT OTTAWA MEETING MAY WARRENT RECONSIDERATION.P543.
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